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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— 3678/38.

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Division.

Louza Police Station.

Dec. 8th, 1938.

Diary Number:— 4.

Nature of Offence:— 33.

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day

8-12-38 to 8-12-38.

Places visited in course of investigation each day

Det. Office.

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

As stated in Diary 3 one of the two apprentices who were injured, namely, Tong Young Jing (湯永景), was still detained in the Lester Chinese Hospital. At 1.20 p.m. on the 8-12-38 a telephone message was received at Louza Station from the Lester Hospital to the effect that this man had died at 1.30 p.m. 8-12-38.

Doctor's certificate reads:-

"This is to certify that Tong Young Jing (湯永景) died at 12.40 p.m. 8-12-38 from Septicemia due to general sepsis resulting from multiple bomb wounds over abdomen, face, 1 rymx extremities and chest".

The body of the deceased has been removed to the Public Mortuary pending inquest. The manager of the bookstore and the deceased's family have been informed and representatives will attend the inquest.

In view of the fact that this man has died as a result of the injuries he received when the bomb exploded it is respectfully suggested that the case should now be re-classified as Murder instead of Intimidation.

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CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No.:— 3678/38.

Division.
10024 Police Station.
Dec. 6th, 1938.

Diary Number:— 3.

Nature of Offence:— 33.

Time at which
investigation begun
and concluded each day

5-11-38 to 6-12-38.

Places
visited in
course of
investigation
each dayLester Hospt., Roof
gardens, Hotels, Tea-
shops, Lodging houses,
Cinemas, General patrol

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Since Diary 2 of this case was submitted there have been no other developments and no further information has been obtained regarding the identity of the man described on page 1, Diary 1, who left the parcel containing the infernal machine in the book-store.

C.D.S. 40 has frequently taken the apprentice Ts Loong Tuh (朱隆土) round lodging houses, hotels, roof gardens and places of amusement on the chance that the apprentice might see and recognise the man in question but no results were obtained and detectives have been unable to pick up any further information of use than that already recorded.

As previously stated, the affairs of the World Book-store are the subject of Special Branch File No. D.6624 but, according to D.S.I. MacAdie there have been no developments that would assist Station detectives working on this case.

The other apprentice Tong Yoong Jing (湯永景) who was more seriously injured in the explosion, is still detained in the Lester Hospital.

However, in view of the negative result of enquiries to date and there being nothing definite on which to base further enquiries a final report has been

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Diary Number:— 3/2.

Nature of Offence:

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Places
visited in
course of
investigation
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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

submitted in order that this case might be classified
and filed for future reference.

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D.C.I.

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News Digest and other local newspapers: 2-11-41

SIX MILLION BOOKS OF WORLD BOOK COMPANY REMOVED
TO JAPAN

5,000,000 volumes, including books on science, art and text books, have been removed from the general printing factory in Hongkew of the World Book Company (世界書局). These books have been sent to Japan.

On the afternoon of November 30, about 1,000,000 volumes of text books were removed by the Japanese from the factory and transported by trucks to the Wayside Wharf where they were placed on board the Japanese transport "Myoken Maru" which left for Japan the same day.

News Digest and other local newspapers: 2-11-38 60

JAPANESE REMOVING BOOKS OF WORLD BOOK COMPANY

When the main printing works on Dalny Road of the World Book Company were occupied by the Japanese, they removed about 4,000,000 bound books to Japan. At 6 a.m. yesterday, more than 1,000,000 books were removed by motor truck to Wayside Wharf and placed on the steamer "Androff" for transportation to Japan.

After the bomb explosion which occurred at its sales office on November 2, the World Book Company received many letters of consolation including one from the Ministry of Education and one from the local Tangpu.

November 10, 1938.

Morning Translation

Ta Mei Wan Pao and other local newspapers :-

AFFAIRS OF THE WORLD BOOK COMPANY

The main factory of the World Book Company (世界書局) is located on Dalny Road. Since its occupation by the Japanese military, the Japanese authorities have on several occasions detailed officials to enter into negotiations with the company in the hope of securing its co-operation under the bait of returning its property. The offer was, however, rejected by the company because its property in Hongkew had already been leased to the American Enterprise Company (美國企業公司). This refusal on the part of the World Book Company incurred the displeasure of the Japanese authorities and in revenge a hand grenade was placed in the business office of the company the other day. The matter is at present under careful investigation by the Settlement Police.

Sometime last month, 1,700 cases containing about 3,000,000 books were removed by the Japanese authorities from the Hongkew plant and transported to Japan by a Japanese transport. While the books were being removed, many of them were seized and detained by the Settlement authorities who are at present making enquiries into the actual facts of this case. On November 8 and 9 another batch of books to the number of about 1,000,000 packed in 2,000 sacks were removed to the transport "Myoken Maru" which left here at 9 a.m. yesterday. It is said that the removal of these books was undertaken by the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha. According to the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, they undertook the removal on instructions from the Japanese military authorities; they stated that the sacks contained military supplies. Upon learning of the removal, the American Enterprise Company at once opened negotiations with the Japanese authorities but failed to obtain any result.

It is learned that most of the books removed are medical treatises.

FILE

Two Hurt As Bomb Explodes In Book Store

Firm Denies Reports Linking Them With Puppet Regime

Tang Yung-chin, salesman, one of two members of his calling injured in yesterday's bombing of the World Book Company, Ltd., 390 Foochow Road, probably will recover from his wounds but it will be several weeks before he returns to work.

The other wounded salesman is Chu Lung-teh. The latter is not seriously hurt, but hospitalization, at least for the time being, has been necessary. Both men are in the Lister Chinese Hospital.

The bombing occurred about 10.20 a.m. yesterday when a time-bomb found on the premises by one of the salesmen suddenly exploded. Property damage was slight.

Chu was about to remove the wrapping to investigate the contents when the bomb inside exploded. Strangely enough, he was only slightly injured about the hands. Tang Yung-chin, another salesman, who was standing only a few feet away, was seriously hurt and his recovery is expected to take several weeks.

Detectives of the Louza Police Station, who are engaged in the investigation of the case, are inclined to believe that the terrorists responsible simply walked into the sales office yesterday morning or the day previous, posed as customers and left the bomb on the counter.

Rumors Denied

Reports appearing in the Japanese press yesterday are believed to have been responsible for the bombing, according to information made available to both the police and the local press last night.

These reports stated that "the World Book Company, Ltd., and the Chung Hwa Book Company, another big Chinese publishing house, are planning to co-operate with the 'Reformed Government' to start a joint publishing company."

In a statement issued last night, officials of the World Book Company flatly denied these reports. "No one in this company is connected with these rumors," continued the statement.

The officials added that they have never been approached regarding the question of a merger with the Chung Hwa Company and that the Japanese Press reports were based on the stuff of which dreams are made.

Mysterious Package

The bomb responsible for the blast was found by a salesman, Chu Lung-teh, on a counter in the sales office of the company's store yesterday morning. The time of its discovery was 10.15 o'clock. The infernal machine was wrapped in newspapers and is believed to have been left on the premises by someone who had slipped into the building from the street.

Believing that some customer had walked off, forgetting a purchase,

Firm Founded In 1911

The World Book Company, Ltd., founded in 1911, is one of the three largest publishing houses in China. The printing plant is located at 130 Dalny Road, while its sales department is maintained at the Foochow Road address. It also has 40 branch houses in various parts of the country.

Mr. C. C. Woo is the present acting chairman of the board of directors, while Mr. K. I. Loh is the general manager. The sales manager is Mr. K. K. Liu. Before the beginning of hostilities in Shanghai, the company's employees numbered about 1,000 persons. Due to the fact that the war made it necessary to close down the printing plant, only 100 workers are now on the payroll.

Since the withdrawal of the Chinese from this area, the plant has been occupied by the Japanese military. The place was damaged during the fighting, according to company reports, while last June, three Chinese and one Japanese were arrested by the S.M.P. for allegedly stealing stocks of books from the premises.

Early last July, it is stated, the Dalny Road plant was leased to the Associated American Industries, Inc., 235 Hamilton House. The American concern is reported to have repeatedly asked the Japanese to hand over the premises but without success.

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Bomb Kills Man, Injures Another

**World Book Co. Premises
In Foochow Road Scene
Of Outrage**

A young Chinese shop assistant was fatally injured and another wounded less seriously yesterday morning when a bomb contained in a parcel exploded at the World Book Co., Ltd., 290 Foochow Road. The parcel had been left at the shop three days previously by a Chinese who made a small purchase. As the man did not call for it, two assistants proceeded to open it at 10.10 o'clock, with the result that the contents exploded while in the hands of one of them.

He suffered such serious injuries that he died a few hours afterwards in the Lester Hospital. The other injured man was peppered with fragments of the bomb in the face, chest and hands. He is expected to recover fully.

The bomb was fashioned from books the inside of which had been hollowed out.

Chief Inspector A. H. Chamberlain, Detective-Inspector G. Bennett and other police from Louza Station hurried to the scene as soon as the alarm had been sounded and questioned several witnesses concerning the man who had left the death-dealing parcel.

Last night the management of the Company issued a statement saying that their printing plant in Yangtszepoo had been occupied by Japanese military since last year and that it was still so occupied despite the fact that it had been leased, last July, to the Associated American Industries, Incorporated, a firm with offices in Hamilton House.

The management further stated that no warning preceded the placing of the bomb on October 30.

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Grenade Wounds Book Salesmen In Foochow Rd.

Time-Bomb Explosion
Lands Two Chinese
In Hospital

**BOMBERS MAKE
GOOD ESCAPE**

Owners Think Mistake
Made; Print Plant
Held By Japanese

Two salesmen at the World Book Company, 380 Foochow Road, were wounded when a time-bomb, placed on the counter by unidentified persons, exploded at 10:20 this morning. Both were rushed to the Lester Hospital where one of them, Tang Yung-chin, was reported in a serious condition. Property damage was not heavy.

Ranked as the third largest publishing house in China, the World Book Company publishes many kinds of textbooks for Chinese schools. The head sales office is located on Foochow Road, near Fokien Road, while its printing factory is on Dalny Road, in the Wayside district.

Parcel Found

One of the salesman, Chu Lung-teh, this morning discovered a parcel, wrapped in newspapers, on the counter. While making inquiries about the parcel, the bomb inside the wrapping exploded. Mr. Chu was only slightly wounded, but his colleague, Tang, who was standing a few yards from him, sustained serious wounds.

The circumstances under which the bomb was placed on the counter are unknown. It was believed, however, that the terrorists had walked into the sales office posing as customers and left the bomb behind. Police of the Loma Station are investigating.

Motives Unknown

Exact motives for the terrorist act remain unknown. Officials of the company hinted, however, that the bombing was the result of a misunderstanding. The printing factory of the World Book

Company, they pointed out, had been under Japanese occupation. It was understood that the Japanese were operating the factory to print Japanese edited textbooks for Chinese schools in the occupied areas. This might have led to a misbelief that the company was cooperating with the Japanese and eventually to the "anti-traitor" bombing, it was believed.

Since July, almost a year after the Japanese occupation of the Dalny Road plant, the officials revealed, an American firm, to whom the factory had been rented, has been making futile attempts to take over the premises from the Japanese. Two months ago, they also recalled, a large quantity of books, stolen from the Dalny Road premises, was found being carted through Foochow Road. Police were called and the property detained. As the company filed claims for the return of the stolen books, the Japanese authorities also are said to have requested their return to the Dalny Road godown. The issue was finally referred to the First Special District Court, where a decision is still pending.

Officials of the company emphatically denied rumors that they were operating the factory for the Japanese and declared that the bombing this morning was a complete surprise, as no warning or threatening notes have been received in advance.

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November 3, 1938.

Morning Translation

Chinese American Daily News :-

THE BOMB EXPLOSION AT THE WORLD BOOK CO.

The World Book Co. (世界書局) is one of the leading publishing companies in Shanghai. Its main plant is on Dalny Road, Hongkew, with a general sales office at No. 390 Foochow Road. Following the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities on August 13 last year, its plant in Hongkew was occupied by the Japanese army.

At 10.10 a.m. yesterday an explosion took place at the sales office and two employees named Tong Yung-jing (湯永經) and Tsu Loong-teh (朱隆德) were wounded. The Police were informed and the wounded men were removed to hospital.

According to a statement made by a senior employee of the bookstore, yesterday morning a paper parcel was noticed lying on the counter and nobody came forward to claim it. Tong Yung-jing, an employee of the store, took up the parcel and finding it quite heavy, he started to open it to ascertain the contents. On removing the paper wrapper, he found an iron box made in the form of a book. Out of curiosity, he attempted to force it open with some instrument when suddenly it exploded, wounding him in the face and neck, while another employee named Tsu Loong-teh who was standing near him was also injured.

As the bookstore had not received any warnings, the cause of the affair is unknown. It is said that the main plant of the bookstore in Hongkew, which has been occupied by the Japanese, is being operated by a number of unscrupulous elements, working under the instructions of the Japanese. The Japanese have on several occasions sent men to persuade the bookstore (? for what purpose not stated), but this was turned down by the bookstore for the plant was leased to the American Enterprise Company (美國企業公司) in July this year. Books to the value of \$800,000 were stored at the Hongkew plant, but most of them had been burned by the Japanese soldiers, while a quantity was removed with the permission of a certain party. On one occasion officers of the Settlement Police seized a truckload of these books. They are still lying at Central Police Station. At the time of the seizure a certain party attempted to recover them by force but was prevented by the Police. In August or September this year the Japanese requested the bookstore to detail representatives to the New Asia Hotel (新亞酒店) to discuss certain arrangements, with the return of the stock of books as a bait, but the invitation was ignored. Since then the bookstore had no further trouble. It is believed that a certain party may be responsible for the explosion.

It is also said that the Japanese have recently organized a "Central China Printing Company" (華中印刷公司) with the World Book Co. as one of the promoters. The Hongkew plant of the bookstore was re-named the No. 1 printing plant of the "Central China Printing Company".

All this might have created some misunderstanding among the patriotic elements who then delivered the warning. The bookstore, however, has strongly refuted the report that it has any interest in the bogus organization.

The "Globe" reports that the rumours prevalent are all untrue. It appears that the bomb was secretly planted by a traitor. The Police are examining the fragments of the bomb recovered at the scene of the affair.

Notice Issued By The World Book Company

The World Book Company publishes the following notice in the advertisement columns of the "Chinese-American Daily News" and other local newspapers to-day :-

"About 10 a.m. November 2 certain dangerous articles placed previously by some unknown person in the Sales Department of our firm exploded, wounding two employees. We thank all the schools, bookstores, cultural bodies and other circles, which had either called or sent telephone messages of consolation.

"Since the outbreak of hostilities in Shanghai, our firm has sustained tremendous losses. The general factory in Hongkew, which had been leased to the American Enterprise Company, has not yet been recovered despite repeated negotiations. It is a matter for deep regret that we should now have been attacked in this way. We shall continue to devote ourselves to culture and carry on our business as usual."

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REPORT

Date November 3, 1938.

Subject

World Bookstore - Bombing Outrage on November 2nd

Made by D.S.I. Mac Adie

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Further to the report on the bombing incident at the World Bookstore on November 2nd, Mr. W.P. Wilson of the American Associated Industries Inc., the new owners of the Printing plant of the Bookstore at 130 Dalny Road, was interviewed on the morning of November 3rd.

Mr. Wilson explained that the lease of the premises was signed on June 1st and not July 1st and that negotiations for the agreement commenced in May. To the best of his knowledge the World Bookstore had never discussed the possibility of cooperating with the Japanese and were in fact very much against such a step. The allegations in the press during June would therefore seem to have been made under a misapprehension.

Mr. Wilson further stated that he was negotiating with the Japanese for possession of the property but had not pressed the point at present as he had a number of other properties similarly situated and was anxious to settle a case with less complicated aspects in order to establish a precedent for future dealings with the Japanese Authorities. The lease was registered with the American Consular Authorities on July 12th.

On October 4th, Mr. Wilson addressed a letter to Messrs Mitsui Bussan Kaisha protesting against the shipment of a quantity of books from the Dalny Road plant on the grounds that the American Associated Industries Inc. had a lien on this property. Messrs. Mitsui Bussan Kaisha



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replied admitting shipping the consignment out stated that it was waste paper and had been carried out on behalf of the Japanese Special Service Section to whom they referred Mr. Wilson.

R. W. Mac Cullie

D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch).

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Made by D.S.I. MacAdie

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At 10.10 a.m. November 2nd, a bomb exploded in the World Bookstore, 390 Foochow Road injuring two shop assistants one of whom subsequently succumbed to his injuries. The infernal machine was concealed in a parcel of books which had been left on a counter of the shop on October 31st by an unknown Chinese customer. While endeavouring to pry open the contents of the parcel, the bomb exploded in the hands of the deceased assistant.

Assistance was rendered to Louza Station by Special Branch and Mr. Loh Kao I (陸高宜), General Manager of the World Bookstore was thoroughly questioned by D.S.I. MacAdie and D.S.I. Liao Chung Chien with a view to discovering a motive for the attack. Mr. Loh

expressed the opinion that it was probably connected in some way with the matter of the Dalny Road printing plant of the firm. The works at 130 Dalny Road is at present being operated by the Japanese Special Service Section with a number of former employees of the firm. It is at present engaged in printing text books for the schools under the jurisdiction of the Reformed Government.

On July 1st however the property was leased to the Associated American Industries Inc., 235 Hamilton House of which Mr. W. P. Wilson is the manager. This Company incorporated in the State of Delaware is stated to be registered at the American Consulate-General and has made several unsuccessful attempts to possess the Dalny Road plant. Regarding the stock of books at the plant,



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evidence has already been forthcoming that a number of these were sold by the Japanese Military (Vide Misc.710/38 Central Station) while a number of dictionaries and medical books were stated to have been shipped to Japan. In this connection a protest was filed with the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, the shippers.

In connection with the case at Central Station where one Japanese and three Chinese were arrested for being in possession of books taken from the Walny Road works, Mr. Loh stated that D.S. Kobayashi made several attempts to induce a responsible member of the Management to proceed to the New Asia Hotel with a view to settling the question of the works with the Japanese Military. The management refused to enter into such negotiation however. This case occurred on July 13th, when the plant had already been leased to American interests and when it was therefore too late to have come to another arrangement even if it had been so desired.

These facts coupled with the placing of the property in the hands of American interests appear to preclude any suggestion that the World Bookstore is cooperating with the Japanese or the Reformed Government. Nevertheless rumours and reports to this effect were made in June, vide the statement of Mr. Sanders-Bates, editor of the Morning Leader in report attached June 16th and an article in "Unity" of June 5th attacking the XX Bookstore, also said to be the World Bookstore. However, Mr. Loh Kao I stated that the XX Bookstore was not the World Bookstore but

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the Dan .soong (大 源) Bookstore, 320 Foochow Road. This store was established by Van Chien-kiang (樊 劍 剛), former Sales Manager of the World Bookstore. Mr. Loh also stated that the manifesto issued in the name of the Shanghai Municipality Book Dealers' Association was the work of the Bookstore Employees' Lien Nyi Association believed to have an office at the Yuan Toong (遠 東) Bookstore, 378 Foochow Road. It seems probable however that some attempt was made by the management in June to discuss the sale of the property to Japanese or to cooperate with the Reformed Government. The proposals must have reached the ears of the directors most of whom are absent from Shanghai and instructions were given to lease the property to American interests. No attacks from patriotic organizations have appeared since these arrangements were concluded.

A statement was taken from Mr. Loh Kao i and a copy is attached to this report.

Meanwhile enquiries are being made with a view to verifying Mr. Loh's statements with regard to the leasing of the Dalny Road plant.

On November 1st, Mr. Loh Kao i gave a lecture on the subject "Daily Life" at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., 123 Boulevard de Montigny, between 7.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. (Vide I.R. of November 2nd). The lecture was devoted to economies and educational matters and contained nothing objectionable. As it was given after the bomb had already been left at the store it could not in any case have any

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connection with the outrage. Mr. Loh's lectures on previous occasions have been on similar lines and have not contained anything political. He has however, on his own statement been mentioned several times in the Japanese press in July as being an anti-Japanese writer and publisher.

R. W. Mac. Allen

D. S. I.

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Loh Kao I (李 高 一)

Shaoshing

D.S.I. Macadie

Louza Station

2/11/38

D.S.I. Liao Chung Chien

My name is Loh Kao I, aged 39, native of Shaoshing, residing at 153 Route Pere Robert. I am the General Manager of the World Bookstore, 390 Foochow Road which was founded in 1911 and has about 40 branch houses throughout the country. Before the hostilities, about 1,000 men were employed at the printing plant of the firm at 130 Dalny Road and at the bookstore but now only about 100 are employed at the bookstore only. The plant has been occupied by the Japanese Military since the hostilities and is at present being operated by the Japanese Special Service Section with a number of ex-employees of the firm who are working entirely without the approval of the management.

In June, this year, three Chinese and one Japanese were arrested by Central Police Station for stealing a number of books which had been taken from the Dalny Road plant. The case is still pending and the management has since been ^{interrogated} several times by D.S. Kobayashi of Central Station to make direct contact with the Japanese Authorities to come to a settlement but the management refused and would only agree to deal through the Municipal Police.

However, in June, the directors of the firm agreed to the leasing of the Dalny Road plant and an undeveloped factory on the corner of Cheshulpo Road and Rangoon Road, also our property, to American interests.

Through the efforts of Mr. M.F. Allman, the Associated American Industries Inc. was formed and took over the lease of these two properties from July 1st. The American Co.

in charge of Mr. W.R. Wilson with offices at 235 Hamilton House was successful in taking over the Rangoon Road property but have been unable to possess the plant at 130 Dalry Road. The leasing of the property has been registered with the American Consulate-General and the latter have made unsuccessful representations to the Japanese for the handing over of the property concerned. At the time of the leasing of the property to American interests my name was mentioned several times in the Japanese press as being an anti-Japanese writer and publisher.

On the afternoon of November 1st, one Liu Kyng Mei (刘庆梅), a staff employee of the General Affairs Section of the bookstore brought me a copy of the Shanghai Mainichi of that date, which he had obtained from a friend. The paper contained an article which stated that the Reformed Government had formed a Central China Joint Publishing Company in which the World Bookstore and the Chung Hwa Book Company, Foochow Road, were cooperating. This report is absolutely false as the matter of cooperating with the Japanese is out of our hands, having leased our property to Americans.

On the morning of November 2nd, I arrived at the bookstore offices on Foochow Road at about 10.15 a.m. I walked straight through the downstairs sales department and up the stairs to my office on the first floor. I had only just removed my hat when I heard a loud explosion. I went downstairs and saw that two employees had been injured by some kind of bomb. That is all I know of the bombing occurrence in the World

Bookstore.

I have not received any threatening letters or anonymous communications nor do I know of any attempt by the Japanese to approach any of the members of my firm since the case of theft in June, 1938.

I am a member of the Executive Committee of the Shanghai Book Dealers' Association, in Bing Loh Ln, Yu Ya Ching Road. I am not a member of any other association and apart from giving lectures on educational matters and economics, I do not take part in outside activities.

This is my true statement.

(Signed) Loh Kuo I.

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D. C. Special Branch.

Extract from Intelligence Report 2.11.38.

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Chinese Y.M.C.A. - 2nd lecture on domestic training

Under the auspices of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. , 123 Boulevard de Montigny, the second lecture on domestic training took place in the premises of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. between 7.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. November 1, 1938, when Mr. Loh Kso-nyi (陸孝宜), General Manager of the World Book Store, gave a lecture on the subject "Daily Life". About 100 persons attended.

C. P.'s remarks:

Any connection between lecture and bomb this morning?

(Sgd.) K.M.B.

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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

As stated in Diary 1, one of the two shop apprentices who were injured as a result of the bomb explosion, namely Tong Young Jing (湯永景) was detained in the Lester Chinese Hospital in a very serious condition. However, on the following day, the 3-11-38, he was able to make a statement which was taken down in writing but owing to the injury to his hands he was unable to sign it.

It will be seen from this statement (copy attached) that he corroborates the statement of the other apprentice Ts Loong Tuh (朱隆德) in regard to the description of the parcel and his attempting to open it. He had used a knife to do this and the bomb exploded in his hands and he was knocked unconscious.

This apprentice did not know how the parcel came to be in the shop but had merely seen the other apprentice attempting to open it and offered to do it for him.

As stated in Diary 1, D.S.I. Macadie, Special Branch, obtained a statement from the General-Manager of the World Bookstore and brief details of the affairs of the firm were given in that Diary but nothing definite has been obtained to indicate the exact motive behind the leaving of the bomb in the bookstore.

It is to be noted that the affairs of the World

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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Book-store are the subject of Special Branch File No. D. 624.

At the present time there appears to be very little on which to base enquiries but detectives are endeavouring to pick up some information of use.

As soon as the apprentice who was only slightly injured is well enough detectives will accompany him round Hotels and lodging-houses with a view to locating the man described on Page 1, Diary 1, who left the parcel in the bookstore.

Four copies of photographs of the scene of the explosion have been received from the Finger Print Bureau and are now attached to the station copy of this file.

Enquiries proceeding.

Copy to Special Branch.

Chen S.
D.S.I.

[Signature]
Sen. Det. 1/10.

D.D.O. "A" Div.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of Tong Yoon Jin (7777), age 21,
native of Zan zai taken by me C.D.S. 42 Yang Kuei Ying
hospital 3-11-38 translated Clark Sin Yun Pai.
at on the and interpreted by

I have been in the employ of the World Book Store,
380 Foodchow Road, as an apprentice, for a period of 3 years.

At about 9.30 a.m. 3-11-38, my fellow worker Ts
Loon, who removed a paper parcel from a shelf and placed
same on the counter (I do not know where the parcel had come
from previously, same was wrapped with brown paper). Ts
Loon, who opened the parcel and found the contents to have
the appearance of books but same were tied together, and Ts
could not separate them. Being curious I took the books
from Ts and removed same to a nearby desk. I took out a
knife from a drawer of the desk, with the intention of
separating the books. Unexpectedly, when I used the knife
and cut the book with little power, they exploded, striking
me down to the ground and I became unconscious.

True statement.

(The books measure: 7" long, 6" wide and 5" high)

(Above named person's hands are both injured therefore
statement not signed).



SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

Crime Register No. **3878 /38.**

"A" Division.

Louza Police Station.

November 2nd., 1938.

Diary Number 1.	(Sheet No. 1.)	Nature of Offence:—	33.
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	2-11-38.	Places visited in course of investigation each day.	Scene of offence. Lasser Chinese Hospital.

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.	The "World" Book Store, 390 Foochow Road.
Time and date of offence.	At about 10.10.a.m. 2-11-38.
" " " reported.	10.16.a.m. 2-11-38.
Name, occupation and address of complainant.	Loh Kuo I (), General Manager, 390 Foochow Road.
Number of criminals with full individual description.	<p><u>ONE SUSPECTED:-</u></p> <p>Age about 33-34, height about 5'6/7", slim build, no hat, long black hair parted on left side, thin long face, pointed chin, high forehead, sallow complexion, dressed in light brown foreign style suit, speaking Shanghai dialect.</p>
Arrests.	Nil.
Classification of property stolen.	Value \$
Classification of property recovered.	Value \$
<p>In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered.</p> <p>(a) Time and date body was discovered. (b) Position, appearance and marks on body. (c) Apparent cause of death. (d) Motive if known.</p>	
<p>Full Details of Method used in Committing offence.</p> <p>In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (e) to (i) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described.</p> <p>(e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises. (f) Means used (tools etc.) (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc. (h) Mode of transport and description. (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.)</p>	<p>M.O. Bomb or infernal machine concealed in parcel left in shop by customer exploded later when opened by employee.</p> <p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p> <p>P. A. to D. C. (Sb. Br.)</p>

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- (j) What staff employed on premises ?
(k) Are they all "old" servants ?
(l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long ?
(m) What was their "characters" ?
(n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason ?
(o) Are old servants suspected ?
(p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion or not, who is suspected ?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

Enquiries by D. I. Elders, C.D. 42.

and C.D. 118 and 10:-

At 10.16.a.m. 2-11-38, a telephone message was received at Louza Station from the C.C.R. to the effect that a bomb had been thrown at the "World" Book Store, 390 Foochow Road.

A party of Police under Chief Inspector Chamberlain, Officer i/c Station, followed a few minutes later by the D.O. and D.D.O. "A" Division, visited the scene.

At 10.20.a.m. 2-11-38, C.D. 1359 telephoned to the Station and reported that two persons had been injured as a result of the said bomb-throwing.

The S.F.B. Ambulance was called and the two injured persons were conveyed to the Lester Chinese Hospital.

Later enquiries revealed that the two injured persons were:-

- (1) Ts Leong Tuh (楊隆德) 23, native of Pinghu, S/Apprentice, employed at the "World" Book Store, 390 Foochow Road and residing at No. 11A Zou Chong Li (蘇崇里) Carter Road.
- (2) Tong Yeong Jing (湯永景) 21, native of Zangshu, S/Apprentice, employed at the "World" Book Store and residing at Lane 460, House No. 110 Avenue Road.

Doctors Certificates in respect of the two injured persons read as follows:-

- (1) Ts Leong Tuh - "Shrapnel wound of face and hand and abdomen - Not serious - Not detained".
- (2) Tong Yeong Jing - "Bomb wound of face, jaw, hand and abdomen - Very serious - Detained".

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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Careful enquiries, supervised by the I.O. and D.D.O."A" Division were conducted at the scene when the following facts were ascertained:-

According to the 1st named injured person from whom a statement has been obtained (copy attached), at about 2.30.p.m. on the 31-10-38, a male Chinese described as follows:-

"Age about 33-34, height about 5'6/7", slim build, no hat, long black hair parted on left side, thin long face, pointed chin, high forehead, callow complexion, dressed in light brown foreign style suit, speaking "hanghai dialect",

had entered the "World" Book Store, 390 Foochow Road and asked to purchase some books.

The 1st named injured apprentice attended to him and the man purchased some small books, total value less than \$1.00.

After the man had gone the said apprentice observed a parcel lying on the counter which he had seen the man carrying when he entered the shop.

The apprentice, thinking that the man had forgotten the parcel and would later return for it, placed it in a nearby book-shelf behind the counter.

However, the man failed to return for the parcel, therefore, at about 9.30.a.m. 2-11-38, the apprentice decided to open the parcel to see whether

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it contained anything of value.

The parcel was wrapped in brown paper and tied with string.

The apprentice lifted the parcel from the bookshelf and placed it on the counter. He removed the string and paper and found that the parcel contained what appeared to be about five or six books but they were all stuck together and the apprentice was unable to separate them with his fingers.

In size the whole parcel was about seven inches long, six inches wide and about five inches deep.

Another apprentice, the 2nd named injured person, was watching the first apprentice unfastening the parcel and when he saw that the books were stuck together offered to assist.

The 1st apprentice allowed him to do this while he attended to other business at the same counter.

The 2nd apprentice moved the parcel from the glass-topped counter to a small wooden desk behind the counter.

The 1st apprentice does not know how the 2nd apprentice tried to separate the books which were stuck together but he was aware that a hammer and a screw-driver

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were kept in the drawer of the desk in question and he may have used these tools.

The 1st apprentice states that a few minutes later he heard a loud explosion and felt something hit him and he fell to the ground. He remembers vaguely being taken to hospital and then being brought to the Station.

It will be seen from this statement of the 1st apprentice that the bomb or infernal machine had evidently been deliberately left behind by the person who purchased the \$1.00's worth of books on the 31-10-38 with the intent that the shop and or its inmates should be injured when it was opened.

The 2nd named apprentice is at present too seriously injured to be questioned. A detective is being kept on duty at the hospital to take a statement as soon as he is able to speak.

An examination inside the "World" Book Store revealed that the wooden top of the desk where the explosion occurred had been broken down. The explosion had also shattered articles in the immediate vicinity, book-cases, books and other goods. The total damage is estimated at about \$200.00.

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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

The General Manager of the Book Store is one Mr. Loh Kuo I (沈恩期). He resides at No.153 Route Pere Robert, P. S.

The Book Store employs about 100 employees, apprentices, assistants, accountants etc.

The premises front on to Foochow Road and there is a rear door which opens into an alleyway.

At the time of the explosion, there were about 18 to 20 employees actually in the Store but although enquiries were made amongst them, none of them could give any information of use. They had not seen any one enter the Store and throw any bomb and could only say that they had heard the explosion and then found that the two apprentices were injured.

The General Manager had just passed the counter a few minutes prior to the explosion on his way up to his office on the 1st floor.

After the explosion occurred and on seeing the two apprentices were injured one of the book store assistants named Sung S Gee (沈恩期) telephoned to Central Station with the result that Louza Station was informed as stated through the C.C.M.

Several pieces of tin and scraps of paper were picked up behind the counter and in the vicinity which

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were evidently parts of the bomb or infernal machine but there were insufficient pieces obtained to try and re-construct the bomb.

It would appear that the five or six books had been stuck together and then the inside of the block of books cut out and the bomb or infernal machine inserted in the cavity.

The beat on which the offence occurred is No.22 Beat, No.4 Section. It was being patrolled at the time by G.P.O.1359. When the explosion occurred he was on the footpath about 25 yards West of the Book Store, and could be the nearest Police officer to the scene. On hearing the explosion he went into the Book Store and then informed the Station by telephone.

D.S.I. MacAdie, Special Branch, attended the scene and later obtained a statement from the General Manager of the Book Store (copy attached).

It will be seen from this statement that the "World" Book Store has about 40 branches in various parts of China. They had also a printing plant at 120 Dalry Road. Since the hostilities this plant has been occupied and operated by the Japanese Special Service Section of the Japanese Military with the assistance of some of the firm's ex-employees.

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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

In June of this year three Chinese and one Japanese were arrested for stealing books from the plant on Dalny Road. That case is still pending.

Also in June of this year the directors of the firm agreed to the leasing of the Dalny Road plant and certain other property owned by the firm located at the corner of Rangoon Road and Chemulpo Road to American interests.

The result of this was that through the efforts of Mr. N.F. Allman, the American Industries Inc., was formed. They have offices at Room 235 Hamilton House.

That Company which is registered at the American Consulate were able to take over the Rangoon Road property but not the Dalny Road plant.

At the time of the leasing of the said property the "World" Book Store General Manager's name was mentioned in the Japanese press as being an Anti-Japanese writer and publisher.

On the 1-11-38 a notice appeared in the Shanghai Mainichi (Japanese Newspaper) to the effect that the Reformed Government had formed a Central China Joint Publishing Co., in which the "World" Book Store and the Chung Hwa Book Co., were co-operating. This report, according to the General Manager

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is untrue. A copy of the said notice is attached hereto.

The circulation of the above report may or may not be the cause of this act of intimidation but it appears to be more than likely.

The General Manager states he has never received any threatening letters. He is a member of the Shanghai Book Dealers Association in the Ming Lon Li, Yu Ya Ching Road and apart from giving lectures on educational matters and economics he has no outside activities.

The Finger Print Bureau were informed and D.S.I. Mant attended the scene and took a number of photographs.

The fragments of the bomb, while being of little use, will be passed to the Arms Identification Section for examination.

A C.D.C. and a C.D.C. are being kept on duty at the premises for the time being.

D.C. (Crime) and D.C. (Divisions) informed.

Enquiries proceeding.

Elder
D.S.I.
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D.D.O."A" Div.

November 1, 1938.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HWACHUNG PRINTING COMPANY

A plan to establish a printing company to be known as the "Hwachung Printing Company" which will control all printing business in the area under the jurisdiction of the "Reformed Government" has been considered by Mr. Kwaai^a of the Tokaido Book Shop, who is the chairman of the Committee for the proposed company.

On October 24 the following matters were formally decided upon:-

The capital of the Company will be Yen 5,000,000 of which Yen 1,000,000 will be subscribed for by the "Reformed Government" in the form of the property belonging to the World Book Company, the Chunghwa Book Company and the Vong Hwa Printing Company in Shanghai and the balance of Yen 4,000,000 will be taken up by Japanese.

The inauguration of the Hwachung Printing Company will take place at Shanghai about the beginning of next month.

Samuel

Loh Kuo I (罗国一)

Shaoshing

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Louza Station

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D.S.I. Chao Chung Chien

My name is Loh Kuo I, aged 39, native of Shaoshing, residing at 153 Route Pere Robert. I am the General Manager of the World Bookstore, 380 Foochow Road which was founded in 1911 and has about 40 branch houses throughout the country. Before the hostilities, about 1,000 men were employed at the printing plant of the firm at 130 Dalry Road and at the bookstore but now only about 100 are employed at the bookstore only. The plant has been occupied by the Japanese Military since the hostilities and is at present being operated by the Japanese Special Service Section with a number of ex-employees of the firm who are working entirely without the approval of the management.

In June, this year, three Chinese and one Japanese were arrested by Central Police Station for stealing a number of books which had been taken from the Dalry Road plant. The case is still pending and the management has since been several times by D.S. Kobayashi of Central Station to make direct contact with the Japanese Authorities to come to a settlement but the management refused and would only agree to deal through the Municipal Police.

However, in June, the directors of the firm agreed to the leasing of the Dalry Road plant and an undeveloped factory on the corner of Chesulpe Road and Rangoon Road, also our property, to American interests.

Through the efforts of Mr. H.F. Allman, the Associated American Industries Inc. was formed and took over the lease of these two properties from July 1st. The American Co.

in charge of Mr. W. E. Wilson with offices at 235 Hamilton House was successful in taking over the Sangoon Road property but have been unable to possess the plant at 130 Saily Road. The leasing of the property has been registered with the American Consulate-General and the latter have made unsuccessful representations to the Japanese for the handing over of the property concerned. At the time of the leasing of the property to American interests my name was mentioned several times in the Japanese press as being an anti-Japanese writer and publisher.

On the afternoon of November 1st, one Liu Kying Mei (劉慶梅), a staff employee of the General Affairs Section of the bookstore brought me a copy of the Shanghai Mainichi of that date, which he had obtained from a friend. The paper contained an article which stated that the Reformed Government had formed a Central China Joint Publishing Company in which the World Bookstore and the Chung Hwa Book Company, Foochow Road, were cooperating. This report is absolutely false as the matter of cooperating with the Japanese is out of our hands, having leased our property to Americans.

On the morning of November 2nd, I arrived at the bookstore offices on Foochow Road at about 10.15 a.m. I walked straight through the downstairs sales department and up the stairs to my office on the first floor. I had only just removed my hat when I heard a loud explosion. I went downstairs and saw that two employees had been injured by some kind of bomb. That is all I know of the bombing occurrence in the World

Bookstore.

I have not received any threatening letters or anonymous communications nor do I know of any attempt by the Japanese to approach any of the members of my firm since the case of theft in June, 1938.

I am a member of the Executive Committee of the Shanghai Book Dealers' Association, in Bing Loh Li, Yu Ya Ching Road. I am not a member of any other association and apart from giving lectures on educational matters and economics, I do not take part in outside activities.

This is my true statement.

(Signed) Loh Kuo I.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Loh Kuo I.', is located in the lower-left area of the page. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of **To Loong Tuh (未詳述)**
native of **Pinghu** taken by me **C.D.S. 42** and **D.S.I. Elders**
at **Louza Stn.** on the **2-11-38** and interpreted by

My name is **To Loong Tuh** age **23**, native of **Pinghu**,
I reside at **House 11A Zou Chong Li, Carter Road**. I am
employed as an apprentice at the **World Book Store, 390**
Poochow Road. I have been in my present employment over two
years.

At **2.50 p.m. 31-10-38**, a male Chinese (described
below) entered the shop alone and stated he wished to
purchase some books. I do not remember at the moment
exactly what he purchased but I think it was less than **\$1.00**.
I attended to the man.

After he had gone I saw a parcel lying on the
counter which I had seen the man carrying when he came
into the shop. I thought he had placed the parcel on
the counter and forgotten it so I placed it in the bookshelf
nearly thinking he would return for it.

The parcel was wrapped in brown paper and was
about **7" long**, and about **6" wide** and about **5" deep**. It
looked as if it was a parcel of books. It was tied with
string.

However, the man failed to return for the parcel so
at about **9.30 a.m. 1-11-38** I took the string and paper from
the parcel in order to ascertain the contents.

The contents proved to be what appeared to be five
or six thin books stuck together and I was unable to separate
them with my fingers.

Another apprentice named **Teng Young Jing (湯永景)**
was watching me at the time, trying to separate the books on

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the counter. He offered to help and picked up the parcel and moved it to the small desk at the rear of the counter. I allowed him to carry on opening the parcel while I carried on with other business behind the counter.

I do not know whether Tong succeeded in opening the parcel but suddenly there was a loud explosion and something struck me and knocked me down. I remember being conveyed to hospital and later being brought to the Station.

I know that there was a hammer and screw-driver kept in the drawer of the desk at which Tong was standing opening the parcel but I do not know whether he used these to open the parcel.

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This is a true and voluntary statement.

Signed and thumb printed: Ts Leong Tuh.

MEMO. 2/11/1938

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About 10.15 am today
a hand grenade was
thrown into World
Bookstore, Fenchurch Rd
- several persons
injured

D. C. Special Branch.

November 1, 1938.

MAIN POINT

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The inauguration of the Hwachung Printing Company will take place at Shanghai about the beginning of next month.

June 16, 38.

"Censorship of school textbooks" - further information regarding the source of this manifesto.

Information was conveyed to D.S.I. Mac Adie by Mr. Saunders-Bates, editor of the Morning Leader, to the effect that the local Chinese bookstores were actually responsible for the issue of the manifesto opposing the order of the Reformed Government for the examination of textbooks.

In the last sentence of paragraph 2 of the manifesto, the X X Bookshop mentioned is said to be none other than the World Book Store, with offices at 390 Foochow Road and large factory premises at No.130 Dalny Road. The factory is at present occupied by Japanese military. The premises are undamaged but the state of the machinery is not known.

The World Bookstore is definitely known to be printing school textbooks in accordance with the wishes of the Dah Dao City Government and most probably in return the management have been promised protection and the eventual return of their factory property in the Yulin Road area.

"Unity" - an anti-Japanese and national salvation periodical,
Issue No.22

Appended hereto is a copy of "Unity", Issue No.22. Although the issue is dated June 5, 1938, it made its appearance only recently. It is believed that the delay may be due to the raid carried out by the Municipal Police on June 3, 1938 on house No.6/234 Mapai Road (Vide Special Branch report dated June 3, 1938 on Anti-Japanese and Communistic publications). The publication contains the usual number of articles, of which extracts that are of interest are translated as follows :-

1. Article entitled "Punish the traitorous merchants."
It states that the "Standard" cloth made by the China A.B.C. Underwear Company, 362 Nanking Road, is composed of Japanese material and that the ownership of the "Chocolate Shop" has been transferred to Japanese interests. It also alleges that more than 50% of the shares in the Haselwood Ice Cream Company are held by Japanese and urges the people not to buy enemy goods and to warn merchants against dealing in enemy products by word of mouth, by telephone or by writing.
2. Announcement by the Editorial Department of "Unity."
It states that a delay of four days was necessary in the appearance of this issue, due to the preoccupation of officers of the "Unity." It requests the readers of "Unity" to help and participate in the work of this publication.
3. Slogans: "Resist determinedly the examination of textbooks by the bogus organization," "Punish X X

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bookshop for undertaking to print textbooks prepared by the "Dah Dao Government," and "Oppose the destruction of China's culture and the enslavement of the people by the enemy and traitors."

- 4) Article entitled "A refugee visiting group." It describes the visit by a party of about thirty refugees of a certain refugee camp to another establishment, during which speeches containing anti-Japanese sentiments were made. One of the speakers in welcoming the visitors said: "We are very grateful for the visit by the inmates of X X refugee camp. We are both suffering hardships and tribulations. We have been deprived of our farms and houses by the Japanese devils. We have become inmates of refugee camps because we are homeless and penniless." In one of the speeches made by a visitor, the following passages appear: "We are very glad to have the opportunity of visiting your camp and very grateful for the warm reception accorded us. As hinted at by the chairman, the refugees are suffering from a lack of unity. For instance, when the landlord of a certain house which has been occupied by refugees desires to take it over, the only thing the refugees can do is to allow themselves to be evicted from the premises. If we refugees do not help one another, who will help us? Recently the Japanese had the intention of taking over the 4th Refugee Camp of the International Relief Committee, but their attempt was later abandoned owing to the opposition of

of the refugees and the Committee. We have heard that the Japanese intend to take over all the refugee camps in Shanghai. The taking over of the refugee camps means the taking over of the lives of the refugees by the Japanese. They have occupied our territory and destroyed our homes. Are we still willing to let them to take over our lives and to be their slaves? No we swear not to be their slaves! We want to resist!!! Resistance by one man is impossible. We must resist unitedly. We refugees ought to unite first before we can solicit assistance from national salvation bodies, charity organizations and the authorities of the Settlements.

The following is an extract from a song sung by the congregation before the visitors departed :-

"In order to obtain final victory, we must organize ourselves, and arm ourselves..... To struggle for the emancipation and independence of the race, beat down Japanese imperialism."

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On the morning of 21-7-38 the three accused were arraigned before the S.S.D. Court and were released.

Regarding books placed in custody at the Central Station and also other books remaining in the office of E. Kobayashi's situated at Rooms 224 and 226, No. 89 Foochow Road they are still detained in the respective places and no further instructions have been received.

Magistrate Makanishi, Japanese Consular Police was interviewed on several occasions with a view to obtaining a final decision of the disposal of the books but he only stated that the Consul General is enquiring into the case and no final decision has been rendered.

It was understood that a further enquiries were maintained by D.S.I. Umemoto, i/c of S.P.O. and it was heard that on the 21-7-38 Mr. I. Suzuki paid visit to the S.P.O. as a representative of Mr. Yuki and informed D.S.I. Umemoto that the books seized by the Police and those in the Kobayashi's office, 89 Foochow Road he re-ordered at the World Book Company's Printing Shop at No. 130 Dalry Road from where they had been removed. However the D.O. Grime had refused to give permission to remove the book to 130 Dalry Road as the lawful owner who claimed same was residing south of the Scotch Creek.

On the 27-7-38 the undersigned summoned the representative of the World Book Co. to the Central

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Station through D.S.I. Chang Ming Teh and it was explained to him the situation and questioned whether the World Book Co. would like to approach Mr. Kobayashi or Mr. Yuki for the purpose of making a compromise between both parties as Mr. Yuki had been considering the business interest of the World Book Company should the manager of representative approach him directly. However until todate no report has been received from either the manager of the World Book Company or Mr. Yuki.

The undersigned visited at 224 and 226, 89 Poochow Road daily and kept observation upon the books seized in the room and movement of Dong Kyi Seng but so far nothing has been noticed to be the subject of a further report.

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S.1, Special Branch ~~Section~~

REPORT

Date July 20, 1938.

Subject (in full) Books, property of World Book Company, at

Central Station

Made by D.S. Henschman

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Acting on the instructions of the P.A. to

D.C. (Special Branch) and with reference to the books referred to in the attached file, the undersigned accompanied by D.S.I. Kao Yen-ken visited Central Station on July 16 and examined a quantity of literature which was stated to be the property of the World Book Company.

There appeared to be nothing of an anti-Japanese nature contained in the books and this fact was mentioned to D.S.I. Ovsiannikoff.

No instructions were issued regarding negotiations for the disposal of the books and this point was not discussed with Central Station detectives.

D.C. (Special Branch).

With reference to your query on Page 2 of Diary No.2, Misc.No.710/38, Central, the question of conducting negotiations with the Japanese Authorities for the handing over of the books to the S.M.P. for return to the owners was never discussed with the P.A. to D.C.(Crime).

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In accordance with instructions from D.D.O."A" received by the Senior Detective about 9.45a.m. on July 20th, 1938 the three suspects named (1) Long Kvi Seng, (2) Yang Ping Leng and (3) Fee Keng Seng will be arraigned before the S.S.D.Court No.1 on July 21st 1938 when application will be made by the Police for the writ of Detention to be withdrawn and they be granted their freedom.

The books found in their possession, when placed in custody, on July 13th 1938 will be detained at Central Police Station awaiting later instructions. Also the books at Mr.H.Kobayashi's Office situated at Rooms Nos.224-226, No.29 Rochoow Road can remain there for arrangements to be come to between representatives of the World Book Company and the Japanese concerned. Loh Kau Nyi (廖嘉瑞), General manager of the World Book Company, No.390, Rochoow Road was informed accordingly by D.S.I.Chang King Teh about 10.20a.m. on July 20th 1938.

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Investigation of Books.

On July 15, 1938, Mr. Dong Kyi Seng, a Chinese merchant, was arrested by the Japanese Military Police. He was charged with the possession of books of a nature which might be of potential value to the Japanese. He was released on \$200 cash bail.

When the books were examined, it appears that all books found were of a nature, property of the Japanese, and were confiscated by the Japanese Military Police. It has been found to be of great importance.

The books of a nature were destroyed and the other books were ordered to be removed and disposed of as the printing shop where the books are stored at present is required by the Japanese Military for printing some books for the Chinese Schools. Mr. Heishiro Yuki, civilian expert attached to the Mater Divisional H.Q. of H.M. the Japanese Forces in Shanghai was entrusted with the disposal of the said books.

It appears from the inquiries that Mr. E. Kobayashi and Dong Kyi Seng purchased 30,000 books on various subjects for \$3,000.00. Mr. E. Kobayashi actually paid the money for the books and with aim to interest Dong Kyi Seng in the transaction, he loaned to the latter the sum of \$400.00, which money had been also paid to the

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Japanese Military. According to Mr. Kikuyoshi, the Japanese Military will buy all stocks of the books at 100 yen per stock at the price of 10.00 yen per stock. The price of the World Book Co. is 10.00 yen per stock. The Japanese Military will buy all stocks of the books and in the future they wish to buy all the stock of the same to a third party (the Japanese Military book store) as they are afraid that the trade of the local book shops will be upset in case their books will appear on the local market.

Copy of the last diary of this report had been handed over to the list of books found at the Japanese Consulate General and application made for the books found at 89 Koochow Road to be returned to the owners (the World Book Co.). Mr. Nakaiishi promised to investigate the case and he would communicate with the Japanese Military regarding this matter.

Supt. MacBennett (P.A. to D.C. Crime) informed the Senior Detective that the Special Branch, Police Hd'qts., would conduct the further negotiations with the Japanese Authorities for handing over of the books to the S.M.P. for return to the owners and the trial of the accused on the charge of possession of the stolen property should be remained pending the outcome of the negotiations.

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Books of the World Book Coy.

Sir,

At 4.50p.m. on July 13th, C.P.C.592 brought to the station a m/car Lic.No.10317, and two Chinese named Iung Pau Ling, chauffeur, Permit No.1327, employed by a Japanese named E.Kobayashi, residing at House 48, Lane 429 Tah Shing Lee, Woosung Road and Fee Keng Seng (費根生), 31 years, native of Soochow, m/book hawker, residing at 5 Nanyang Lee, North Chakiang Road.

C.P.C.592 detained the aforementioned men and the m/car on the Foochow Road near the Kiangse Road with a large number of Chinese books published by the World Book Coy, 390 Foochow Road. On being brought to the station and questioned, Fee Keng Seng told the detectives that he together with his employer named Yang Ping Seng (楊炳生), hawker of second hand books, purchased 9 parcels of Chinese books from a man named Dong Kyi Seng (唐吉生), at the Japanese firm situated at Room No. 224-226, 89 Foochow Road for \$57.00.

The World Book Coy had been informed by the Police regarding the seizure of their books and a man named Leng Sz Jee, manager of the General Affairs Dept. of the World Book Coy, visited the station and identified the books as belonging to his coy and that the books

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had been removed from printing shop and godown situated at 130 Dalny Road.

Seng Jee informed the undersigned that there were about 500,000 books stored at 130 Dalny Road prior to the local hostilities. The building at 130 Dalny Road is at present occupied by the Japanese Military Forces and it was impossible for the World Book Coy to remove their books to the Settlement, South of the Soochow Creek.

Iung Pau Ling, chauffeur, when questioned by the undersigned, stated that acting at the instruction of his employer Mr. Kobayashi, he made 15 trips to 130 Dalny Road in Mr. Kobayashi's m/car and removed a large number of books to Mr. Kobayashi's office Room No.221-226, 89 Soochow Road.

On receipt of this information the undersigned with assistance of J.D.C.Yoshinoba communicated with the Japanese Consular Police and Det.Sergt.Nishina of the said Police visited the Central Station and accompanied J.D.C.Yoshinoba and the undersigned to Room 221-226, 89 Soochow Road, where a large number of similar books had been found by the Police.

Two Chinese named Yang Ping Seng, 54 years, native of Soochow, m/book hawker, residing at 37 Soochow Road and Beng Kyi Seng 47 years, native of Anhwei, m/broker

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residing at 12 Rue Cassini had been detained by the Police. Yang Ping Feng on being questioned, admitted that he purchased from Long Kyi Feng nine parcels of books for \$57.00 as stated above and was negotiating for further purchase of the similar books.

Long Kyi Feng when questioned by the detectives, stated that the books had been purchased by Mr. Kobayashi from the Japanese Military and removed from the World Book Coy's printing shop at 130 Dalry Road.

He stated that Mr. Kobayashi purchased 30,000 books on various subjects for \$3,000.00. Det. Sgt. Nishina of the Japanese Consular Police telephoned to Mr. Kobayashi and the latter sent his employee named Tomijiro Osato, residing at 17 Kong An Lee, Woosung Road to 89 Peechow Road to explain the matter to the detectives. Tomijiro Osato brought with him a certificate dated June 19th 1938 and issued by the Hq's Divisional Headquarters to a man named Reiochiro Yuki, employee of the H.Q. stating that the books which had been seized at the World Book Coy's printing shop can be removed and sold.

Tomijiro Osato also produced a removal permit issued to Mr. Yuki, which states that he is allowed to remove 30,000 books from 130 Dalry Road beginning from June 24, 1938 until Sept. 30, 1938.

J.D.S. Kobayashi visited Room 224-226, 89 Foochow Road and assisted the undersigned in further enquiries.

From enquiries made by J.D.S. Kobayashi it had been ascertained that the Japanese Military had sold the books for \$3.00 per picul, because it was considered that some of the books were of anti-Japanese nature and the same were destroyed. After the books had been seized Mr. Yuki had been instructed to dispose of the same and the latter approached a man named Zukichi Suzuki to carry out the said instructions. Z. Suzuki asked Aikio Kobayashi to sell the books and the latter removed the same to his office "Tah Zung Inland Navigation and Transportation Coy with the assistance of his employee named Tomijiro Osato. T. Osato obtained the required pass from the Japanese Military Police and about 4 days ago, he started to remove the books to 89 Foochow Road in Mr. Kobayashi's m/car.

As this case involved Japanese Military Authorities, J.D.S. Kobayashi telephoned to the Japanese Military Police and Corporal Hasegawa visited the address in question and promised to render the required assistance, in clearing up the case.

The Japanese Military Police refused to hand over the books found at Rooms 224-226, 89 Foochow Road to

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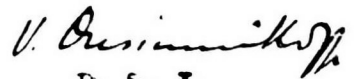
the International Settlement Police but promised that they will keep the books at the same place until the case is carefully investigated. Two Chinese who had been detained by the Police as stated above, were removed to the Central Police Station and together with a man named Fae Keng Leng, they had been detained by the Police for further enquiries.

They will appear before the S.S.C. Court on July 14th when application will be made for their detention for one week on a Writ of Detention pending further enquiries.

Sung Pau Ling, chauffeur, was released and allowed to drive M/car Lic.No. 10317 to his employer's house.

D.O."A" and D.L.O."A" had been informed regarding this case.


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